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SUBJECT: EC COMMISSION PROPOSAL TO TAX VEGETABLE, FISH AND
MARINE OIL

REF: STATE 172249, EC BRUSSELS 6900

1. EMBOFF MET JULY 15 WITH COMMERCE MINISTRY DIRGEN
FOR EXPORTS (JEREZ) AND DEPUTY DIRGEN FOR AGRICULTURAL
EXPORTS (ZOBALLA) TO ALERT GOS TO PROPOSED EC TAX ON
VEGETABLE, FISH AND MARINE OILS AND POTENTIAL THREAT
TO TRADITIONAL SUPPLIERS IF TAX IMPLEMENTED. EMBOFF
EXPHASIZED THE SERIOUSNESS WITH WHICH US VIEWS THE PROPOSED
TAX SINCE IT WOULD BE IN VIOLATION OF BINDING COMMITMENT
ON SOYBEANS BETWEEN US AND THE COMMUNITY DATING BACK TO 1967
KENNEDY ROUND, AND A STEP BACKWARDS IN THE CONTEXT OF CURRENT MTN.

2. GOS OFFICIALS ALREADY HAD REPORT OF PROPBLD
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ACTION FROM THEIR MISSION IN BRUSSELS WITH ADDITIONAL

INFORMATION THAT,IF IMPOSED, NEW TAX WOULD BE IMPLE-
MENTED END OF SEPTEMBER. SINCE OLIVE OIL WOULD BE
EXEMPTED FROM PROPOSED TAX, SPANISH EXPORTS WOULD BE
AFFECTED ONLY SLIGHTLY. DURING 1975, SPAIN EXPORTED
1,200 MT OF SOYA OIL AND 13 MT OF MARINE OILS TO COMMUNITY
COMPARED WITH NEARLY 26,000 MT OF OLIVE OIL. NEVERTHELESS,
GOS CONSIDERS PROPOSED TAX AN ILL CONSIDERED MOVE IN TERMS
OF CURRENT EFFORTS TO LIBERALIZE TRADE AND WILL MAKE THIS
VIEW KNOWN TO EC COMMISSION.
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